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Missouri Area Labor Trends

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A Monthly Review of Missouri Labor Market Information

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Unemployment increased again in July, largely because of temporary layoffs in a number of industries. The unemployment rate increased half a percentage point from June to 6.6 percent as the number of jobless Missourians grew by 13,900 to 171,600. A model changeover layoff in the automobile industry and vacation layoffs in various industries around the state contributed to the increase. There may have been increases in entrant unemployment or other unemployment not covered by unemployment insurance as well.

July unemployment is 20,000 higher than it was a year ago, and the rate has increased by seven-tenths of a percentage point. So far this year, unemployment has averaged about 6300 higher than in the comparable period in 1986; the unemployment rate has averaged 6.4 percent this year, compared to 6.3 percent in the first seven months of 1986. This increase should be interpreted cautiously, however, since benchmarking (revisions following the end of the year) sometimes causes substantial changes in individual months' estimates.

Total employment fell back by about 12,300 between June and July. This is an expected seasonal decline, following the initial surge in summer employment in June. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment fell by a similar amount: 15,900. Much of this was accounted for by the drop of 14,700 in state and local government, representing the usual seasonal decline in public schools and colleges. Seasonal gains in services (1600 jobs) and construction (900) plus an increase of 1200 jobs in finance, insurance and real estate was more than offset by the decrease of 4500 jobs in motor vehicles and equipment manufacturing and a decrease of 1100 retail trade jobs.

Compared to the same month last year, total employment is up by 34,500 and nonagricultural wage and salary employment by 14,000 jobs. The bulk of the latter increase (11,800 jobs) was in the service industries. Additional gains occurred in nondurable goods manufacturing: 2900 jobs in total, 1500 of which were in food and kindred products. Durable goods manufacturing was down by 5200 jobs, most in motor vehicles and equipment.

A drop in overtime hours led to a sharp decrease in the factory workweek. Weekly hours of manufacturing production workers fell by eight-tenths of an hour to 39.8 hours in July. Earnings also declined. Weekly earnings fell by $11.45 to $388.05 while hourly earnings average $9.75 compared to $9.84 in June.

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MISSOURI TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - A Division of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Table 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - JUL 1987 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - JUN 1987 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - JUL 1986 (BENCHMARKED 1986)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2605433	2433795	171638	6.6	2603753	2446083	157670	6.1	2550881	2399320	151561	5.9
ST. LOUIS MSA	1270790	1179225	91565	7.2	1264250	1174804	89446	7.1	1255029	1166343	88686	7.1
KANSAS CITY MSA	822992	773258	49734	6.0	822973	775489	47484	5.8	800948	764248	36700	4.6
SPRINGFIELD MSA	120567	114861	5706	4.7	118951	113356	5595	4.7	115743	110902	4841	4.2
COLUMBIA MSA	65240	63170	2070	3.2	64637	62659	1978	3.1	62224	60523	1701	2.7
JOPLIN MSA	69479	65364	4115	5.9	69495	65839	3656	5.3	66760	62750	4010	6.0
ST. JOSEPH MSA	40817	37948	2869	7.0	41450	38550	2900	7.0	41029	38196	2833	6.9
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13515	12092	1423	10.5	13204	12642	562	4.3	12922	12283	639	4.9
ANDREW	7008	6591	417	6.0	6966	6562	404	5.8	6677	6311	366	5.5
ATCHISON	3337	3228	109	3.3	3380	3267	113	3.3	3427	3263	164	4.8
AUDRAIN	10894	10119	775	7.1	11091	10374	717	6.5	11035	10273	762	6.9
BARRY	11991	11409	582	4.9	12317	11716	601	4.9	12610	11869	741	5.9
BARTON	5377	5167	210	3.9	5369	5187	182	3.4	5519	5306	213	3.9
BATES	6975	6371	604	8.7	6980	6435	545	7.8	6436	6021	415	6.4
BENTON	5955	5601	354	5.9	6044	5697	347	5.7	5908	5537	371	6.3
BOLLINGER	2967	2701	266	9.0	2878	2641	237	8.2	3462	3062	400	11.6
BUTLER	16056	14642	1414	8.8	16772	15387	1385	8.3	16587	15066	1521	9.2
CALDWELL	3481	3203	278	8.0	3562	3382	180	5.1	3470	3195	275	7.9
CALLAWAY	16082	15165	917	5.7	16662	15795	867	5.2	15379	14485	894	5.8
CAMDEN	15318	14708	610	4.0	15465	14829	636	4.1	15548	14934	614	3.9
CAPE GIRARDEAU	34242	32731	1511	4.4	34668	33266	1402	4.0	32935	31408	1527	4.6
CARROLL	5467	4824	643	11.8	5319	4868	451	8.5	5131	4707	424	8.3
CARTER	1990	1771	219	11.0	2189	1938	251	11.5	2199	1902	297	13.5
CEDAR	5364	4973	391	7.3	5313	4956	357	6.7	5109	4785	324	6.3
CHARITON	4767	4503	264	5.5	4675	4444	231	4.9	4584	4281	303	6.6
CLARK	3784	3536	248	6.6	3918	3672	246	6.3	3810	3538	272	7.1
CLINTON	7988	7411	577	7.2	7990	7509	481	6.0	7265	6856	409	5.6
COLE/OSAGE LMA	41954	39904	2050	4.9	41724	39807	1917	4.6	41082	39186	1896	4.6
COOPER	6713	6364	349	5.2	6941	6608	333	4.8	6920	6499	421	6.1
CRAWFORD	8706	8034	672	7.7	8830	8278	552	6.3	8286	7653	633	7.6
DADE	3083	2916	167	5.4	3143	3013	130	4.1	3156	2946	210	6.7
DALLAS	4086	3747	339	8.3	4078	3794	284	7.0	3983	3690	293	7.4
DAVIESS	4336	4174	162	3.7	4372	4239	133	3.0	4128	3947	181	4.4
DEKALB	3694	3482	212	5.7	3807	3624	183	4.8	3781	3553	228	6.0
DENT	5411	4926	485	9.0	5584	5124	460	8.2	5924	5209	715	12.1
DOUGLAS	4923	4550	373	7.6	5055	4585	470	9.3	4685	4306	379	8.1
DUNKLIN	14014	12812	1202	8.6	14281	13082	1199	8.4	14166	12907	1259	8.9
GASCONADE	7000	6330	670	9.6	6824	6455	369	5.4	7020	6521	499	7.1
GENTRY	3378	3145	233	6.9	3527	3281	246	7.0	3367	3239	128	3.8
GRUNDY	5361	5080	281	5.2	5477	5194	283	5.2	5295	4970	325	6.1
HARRISON	4999	4733	266	5.3	4950	4745	205	4.1	4846	4624	222	4.6
HENRY	8592	7857	735	8.6	8711	7957	754	8.7	8550	8033	517	6.0
HICKORY	2667	2462	205	7.7	2780	2622	158	5.7	2521	2346	175	6.9
HOLT	2727	2602	125	4.6	2824	2686	138	4.9	2778	2661	117	4.2
HOWARD	4706	4468	238	5.1	4876	4625	251	5.1	4679	4439	240	5.1
HOWELL	13253	12143	1110	8.4	13551	12586	965	7.1	13133	11836	1297	9.9
IRON	2519	2114	405	16.1	2550	2185	365	14.3	2773	2283	490	17.7
JOHNSON	16355	15513	842	5.1	17457	16688	769	4.4	16007	15356	651	4.1
KNOX	2203	2045	158	7.2	2162	2073	89	4.1	2218	2083	135	6.1
LACLEDE	13738	12925	813	5.9	13890	13139	751	5.4	12716	11922	794	6.2
LAWRENCE	13824	13037	787	5.7	13230	12435	795	6.0	13482	12684	798	5.9

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LEWIS	4768	4424	344	7.2	4833	4501	332	6.9	4959	4489	470	9.5
LINCOLN	11699	10459	1240	10.6	11108	10463	645	5.8	11055	10407	648	5.9
LINN	6443	6116	327	5.1	6766	6439	327	4.8	6590	6252	338	5.1
LIVINGSTON	6736	6422	314	4.7	6817	6432	385	5.6	6596	6313	283	4.3
MACON	9305	8565	740	8.0	9276	8837	439	4.7	8537	8108	429	5.0
MADISON	4314	3935	379	8.8	4363	4021	342	7.8	4217	3800	417	9.9
MARIES	4007	3713	294	7.3	4454	4149	305	6.8	3986	3702	284	7.1
MARION/RALLS LMA	18231	16925	1306	7.2	18225	16956	1269	7.0	18074	16889	1185	6.6
MCDONALD	7999	7488	511	6.4	7983	7517	466	5.8	7340	6739	601	8.2
MERCER	1793	1718	75	4.2	1758	1681	77	4.4	1719	1620	99	5.8
MILLER	9876	9239	637	6.4	10490	9820	670	6.4	10073	9381	692	6.9
MISSISSIPPI	6375	5838	537	8.4	6485	5913	572	8.8	6295	5700	595	9.5
MONITEAU	6012	5764	248	4.1	6196	5912	284	4.6	6062	5705	357	5.9
MONROE	5844	5580	264	4.5	5778	5529	249	4.3	5623	5368	255	4.5
MONTGOMERY	5159	4740	419	8.1	4934	4676	258	5.2	4958	4627	331	6.7
MORGAN	8346	7943	403	4.8	8347	7936	411	4.9	7759	7312	447	5.8
NEW MADRID	9506	8704	802	8.4	9844	9098	746	7.6	9598	8737	861	9.0
NODAWAY	10547	10286	261	2.5	10467	10201	266	2.5	10208	9884	324	3.2
OREGON	3993	3609	384	9.6	4015	3732	283	7.0	4158	3790	368	8.9
OZARK	3640	3411	229	6.3	3763	3531	232	6.2	3601	3371	230	6.4
PEMISCOT	8611	7835	776	9.0	9224	8478	746	8.1	8836	7994	842	9.5
PERRY	8013	7653	360	4.5	8075	7742	333	4.1	8228	7690	538	6.5
PETTIS	18500	17251	1249	6.8	18717	17554	1163	6.2	18682	17335	1347	7.2
PHELPS	15991	15076	915	5.7	16290	15356	934	5.7	15938	15117	821	5.2
PIKE	7916	7263	653	8.2	7998	7476	522	6.5	7857	7310	547	7.0
POLK	9300	8675	625	6.7	9537	9032	505	5.3	9320	8669	651	7.0
PULASKI	11512	10821	691	6.0	12186	11567	619	5.1	11907	11282	625	5.2
PUTNAM	2409	2277	132	5.5	2334	2238	96	4.1	2309	2216	93	4.0
RANDOLPH	11473	10770	703	6.1	11691	11082	609	5.2	11367	10765	602	5.3
REYNOLDS	1752	1441	311	17.8	1742	1431	311	17.9	1848	1456	392	21.2
RIPLEY	4597	4244	353	7.7	5071	4637	434	8.6	4348	3948	400	9.2
SALINE	11278	10658	620	5.5	11556	10994	562	4.9	11925	11250	675	5.7
SCOTLAND	2443	2354	89	3.6	2465	2383	82	3.3	2391	2307	84	3.5
SCOTT	17953	16579	1374	7.7	18030	16808	1222	6.8	17353	15893	1460	8.4
SHANNON	2402	2105	297	12.4	2737	2259	478	17.5	2645	2234	411	15.5
SHELBY	3770	3659	111	2.9	3754	3678	76	2.0	3774	3649	125	3.3
ST. CLAIR	3800	3538	262	6.9	3917	3673	244	6.2	3729	3548	181	4.9
ST. FRANCOIS	20178	18415	1763	8.7	20390	18752	1638	8.0	18821	17047	1774	9.4
STE. GENEVIEVE	7116	6569	547	7.7	7287	6752	535	7.3	7223	6697	526	7.3
STODDARD	12433	11375	1058	8.5	12671	11653	1018	8.0	13064	11793	1271	9.7
STONE	10206	9699	507	5.0	10129	9506	623	6.2	9834	9262	572	5.8
SULLIVAN	3667	3535	132	3.6	3704	3600	104	2.8	3398	3165	233	6.9
TANEY	18859	18182	677	3.6	18006	17270	736	4.1	17994	17328	666	3.7
TEXAS	9459	8778	681	7.2	9675	9032	643	6.6	9261	8367	894	9.7
VERNON	9513	9037	476	5.0	9525	9138	387	4.1	9130	8621	509	5.6
WARREN	10247	9380	867	8.5	9699	9152	547	5.6	9119	8708	411	4.5
WASHINGTON	5876	4750	1126	19.2	5879	4657	1222	20.8	6528	4998	1530	23.4
WAYNE	4598	4167	431	9.4	4820	4401	419	8.7	5034	4481	553	11.0
WEBSTER	9240	8450	790	8.5	9048	8290	758	8.4	9145	8382	763	8.3
WORTH	1221	1143	78	6.4	1244	1165	79	6.4	1267	1209	58	4.6
WRIGHT	6554	5958	596	9.1	6749	6257	492	7.3	6547	5889	658	10.1

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
July, 1987

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2144.3	2160.2	2130.3									
Total Manufacturing	413.9	417.4	416.2	388.05	399.50	388.40	39.8	40.6	40.0	9.75	9.84	9.71
Durable Goods	228.5	232.4	233.7	427.03	443.81	428.40	40.4	41.4	40.8	10.57	10.72	10.50
Lumber & Wood Products	10.9	11.0	9.9	261.49	259.10	260.18	39.5	39.8	40.4	6.62	6.51	6.44
Furniture & Fixtures	10.9	10.8	9.9	341.98	350.17	287.65	43.9	45.3	37.7	7.79	7.73	7.63
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	11.0	10.8	11.4	484.50	519.38	446.71	42.8	45.6	41.4	11.32	11.39	10.79
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	528.75	518.36	590.60	37.5	37.4	40.9	14.10	13.86	14.44
Structural Clay Prod.	2.1	2.1	2.0	464.06	417.97	468.60	38.1	34.6	38.6	12.18	12.08	12.14
Primary Metal Industries	12.6	12.4	12.6	439.77	470.18	446.88	39.3	41.1	39.9	11.19	11.44	11.20
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.2	1.2	1.4	409.03	411.42	368.28	41.4	41.6	37.2	9.88	9.89	9.90
Nonferrous Foundries	3.5	3.5	3.4	324.77	331.70	340.27	39.8	40.6	41.7	8.16	8.17	8.16
Fabricated Metal Products	27.9	28.2	28.5	414.92	434.92	396.70	40.2	41.5	39.2	10.32	10.48	10.12
Structural Metal Prod.	10.6	10.8	11.5	395.14	428.22	390.98	39.2	41.9	40.1	10.08	10.22	9.75
Machinery Exc. Electrical	29.9	29.8	30.6	402.35	416.30	413.41	40.6	41.3	41.3	9.91	10.08	10.01
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.5	46.1	46.4	376.60	382.86	386.88	39.6	40.6	41.6	9.51	9.43	9.30
Transportation Equipment	59.6	64.0	66.0	588.70	601.73	574.75	40.6	41.7	41.8	14.50	14.43	13.75
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	23.7	28.2	28.6	575.29	615.62	595.89	38.2	41.4	41.7	15.06	14.87	14.29
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.4	11.6	11.3	306.88	299.12	305.76	39.7	39.1	39.1	7.73	7.65	7.82
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.8	7.7	7.1	255.64	265.69	265.72	38.5	38.9	39.6	6.64	6.83	6.71
Nondurable Goods	185.4	185.0	182.5	342.61	344.12	338.61	39.2	39.6	39.1	8.74	8.69	8.66
Food & Kindred Products	47.7	48.0	46.2	394.13	399.08	401.29	40.3	41.1	41.2	9.78	9.71	9.74
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	13.3	13.4	12.6	294.74	287.43	300.05	40.1	40.2	41.5	7.35	7.15	7.23
Dairy Products	6.0	6.0	6.3	447.74	472.75	420.40	42.2	45.5	41.5	10.61	10.39	10.13
Grain Mill Products	7.2	7.2	6.9	460.95	463.22	438.33	42.9	43.7	43.1	10.50	10.60	10.17
Bakery Products	6.4	6.5	5.7	414.79	436.56	403.39	38.3	40.8	38.9	10.83	10.70	10.37
Beverages	10.3	10.3	10.1	535.44	544.95	553.85	36.8	37.3	37.6	14.55	14.61	14.73

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Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prods.	4.5	4.6	4.6	365.62	377.80	431.87	40.4	41.2	43.8	9.05	9.17	9.86
Textile & Apparel	25.7	25.6	24.2	207.79	202.06	198.45	36.2	35.7	35.5	5.74	5.66	5.59
Paper & Allied Products	13.6	13.7	13.7	409.19	418.89	394.28	41.5	42.7	41.2	9.86	9.81	9.57
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.4	6.4	6.7	412.68	435.30	407.41	42.5	44.6	41.7	9.71	9.76	9.77
Printing & Publishing	39.0	39.0	40.0	377.48	374.60	382.78	37.9	37.8	39.3	9.96	9.91	9.74
Commercial Printing	13.5	13.6	13.5	439.50	440.51	445.88	40.1	40.6	41.4	10.96	10.85	10.77
Chemicals & Allied	28.7	28.5	28.1	473.62	468.13	439.79	41.4	41.1	39.8	11.44	11.39	11.05
Leather & Leather Products	17.0	16.6	16.4	203.68	220.30	200.12	37.1	39.2	35.8	5.49	5.62	5.59
Footwear Exc. Rubber	13.3	13.0	13.0	192.10	207.87	188.49	36.8	39.0	35.1	5.22	5.33	5.37
Total Nonmanufacturing	1730.4	1742.8	1714.1									
Mining	5.7	5.6	5.7									
Construction	103.6	102.7	105.2									
Transportation & Public Util.	142.6	143.4	140.4									
Railroad Transportation	9.9	9.8	10.4									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	75.8	77.2	74.2									
Communications	56.9	56.4	55.8									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	512.3	512.8	510.9									
Wholesale Trade	124.0	123.4	125.7									
Retail Trade	388.3	389.4	385.2									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	137.0	135.8	132.0									
Services	511.8	510.2	500.0									
Government	317.4	332.3	319.9									
Federal Government	73.9	74.1	73.2									
State & Local Government	0	0	0									

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National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

The national unemployment rate changed little in July, but both household- and establishment-based measures of employment increased. About 6 percent of the civilian labor force was unemployed in July, on a seasonally adjusted basis, not significantly different from June's 6.1 percent rate.

Employment surged upward in July after decreasing a little in June. Such uneven movements are common in the summer months because of seasonal adjustment difficulties. Most jobs growth occurred in the service-producing sector, but manufacturing employment was up by 70,000 jobs even after a 40,000 decline in the automobile industry. Total civilian employment has increased by about 2.8 million over the past year, while nonfarm payrolls have grown by 2.5 million jobs.

There are a million fewer jobless Americans than an year ago, as the unemployment rate has declined by a full percentage point since July 1986. Much of the drop has occurred in the past six months.

Outlook

Some of the developments which characterized July labor market conditions in Missouri seem to be temporary and will probably not be present in August or September data. Some of the expected improvements will be offset by continuing adverse conditions in the automobile industry. The closing of an older plant in the St. Louis are in August and the announced ending of a second shift in October will further reduce employment in this industry and increase the state's level of unemployment.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — July, 1987

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,605,400	2,603,800	2,550,900	1,600	54,500
Total Employed	2,433,800	2,446,100	2,399,300	-12,300	34,500
Total Unemployed	171,600	157,700	151,600	13,900	20,000
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.6	6.1	5.9	0.5	0.7
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,144,300	2,160,200	2,130,300	-15,900	14,000
Manufacturing	413,900	417,400	416,200	-3,500	-2,300
Durable Goods	228,500	232,400	233,700	-3,900	-5,200
Nondurable Goods	185,400	185,000	182,500	400	2,900
Nonmanufacturing	173,400	1,742,800	1,714,100	-1,569,400	-1,540,700
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	10,032	7,731	9,547	2,301	485
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	49,424	41,967	47,275	7,557	2,149
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.2	2.3	0.3	0.2
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	4,634	3,105	3,216	1,529	1,418
Amount of Benefits Paid	$20,172,464	$16,877,969	$18,413,541	$3,294,495	$1,758,923
State U.I.	19,847,688	16,578,272	18,041,028	3,269,416	1,806,660
UCFE	155,266	135,320	180,813	19,946	-25,547
UCX	169,510	164,377	191,700	5,133	-22,190

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

July, 1987

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Continued layoffs in local Area schools, added to the already record breaking number of jobless workers in the Area, pushed the July 1987 unemployment rate up two tenths of a percentage point to 6.0 percent. After dropping to a law of 4.8 percent in April 1987, the Area's unemployment rate has risen steadily over the last three months. The July rate of 6.0 percent is the highest level attained since March 1984, when the rate again was six percent of the labor force. With 49,700 jobless workers the Area sustained its highest level of unemployed since January 1984 when more than 54,000 workers were unemployed. Although many of these jobless workers are not expected to return to work in the next month, a substantial number of these workers are only temporarily out of work. Over-the-month the civilian labor force, which has been on a steady growth path, held steady at an all time high of 823,000. Close to 22,000 persons have been added to the labor force since July 1986. Both civilian employment and nonagricultural wage and salary employment showed declines over-the-month, primarily as a result of seasonal losses in schools, motor vehicles manufacturing and chemicals. Although long term losses in several Manufacturing industries held July's 1987 nonagricultural payroll employment down from July 1986 levels, total civilian employment grew by about 9,000 over-the- 12 month period.

Wage and salaried employment in July 1987 as 713,300, down by 4,900 from the June 1987 total of 718,200. Both Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing industries in the Area suffered substantial losses over-the-month. Within the Manufacturing sector, the total number of jobs fell by 1,000, down to 109,500 jobs. Close to three fourths of this job loss occurred in the Durable Goods Manufacturing industry group. Motor Vehicles and Equipment Manufacturing continued to sustain losses as another 600 workers were laid off. Since February, when 14,900 jobs were recorded in the industry, the industry has lost nearly half of its work force. With only 7,900 jobs in the 10-county MSA, the Transportation Equipment industry has dropped to its lowest level since July 1983 when the work force was 9,500. Other Durable Goods industries showed little or no changes over-the-month. With the exception of the Chemical Products industry, which recorded 400 fewer jobs primarily in soaps and detergents manufacturing, Nondurable Goods Manufacturing also showed stable employment levels over-the-month.

For the first time since January 1987, the Area's Nonmanufacturing sector recorded a drop in the number of jobs. After posting steady monthly increases since February 1987, totaling almost 13,000 additional jobs, the Area's Nonmanufacturing industries declined by 3,900 jobs from June to July 1987. As expected, these losses were concentrated almost entirely within the State and Local Government industry. Approximately 4,000 jobs were lost as local Area schools shut down for the summer recess. School closings also affected employment in the school bus transportation industry. The Transportation, Communications and Utilities industry fell by close to 400 jobs as a result of these lay offs. After climbing by 4,000 from February to June, employment in Retail Trade dropped by 300 workers over-the-month. The bulk of the jobs lost occurred predominantly in eating and drinking establishments. With the three exceptions noted, all other Nonmanufacturing industries held steady over-the-month or showed minimal growth.

Wage and salaried employment declined from 714,200 to 713,300 jobs from July 1986 to July 1987. The Area's performance was mixed across Manufacturing industries compared to Nonmanufacturing industries. Losses during July 1987 in the Transportation Equipment and Electronic Equipment industries resulted in Durable Goods Manufacturing falling below July 1986 levels by 6,300 jobs. More than sixty percent or 3,900 of the total jobs lost in Manufacturing were recorded in Transportation Equipment. The remaining 40 percent or 2,100 jobs, were accounted for by losses in the Electronics Equipment industry, primarily in communications equipment. Other Durable Goods Manufacturing industries showed virtually no changes over-the-year. Simarily, little change was recorded in the Nondurable Goods Manufacturing industries.

Moderate to large increases of more than 5,000 jobs in the Nonmanufacturing sector offset the large declines recorded in Manufacturing industries and resulted in an overall net decline of 900 jobs over the 12 month period. The Services industry was the major gainer with 3,300 more jobs. Almost all industries in the group showed growth, but topping the list was business services with close to 1,000 more jobs over the last year's level. Personal, medical, legal services and recreation services accounted for the remaining two thirds of the total 3,300 jobs gained in the period. Despite over-the-month losses, Retail Trade also topped the year ago level by 1,200 jobs. Some resurgence in department and apparel stores and broadly scattered gains elsewhere offset almost completely the 1,000 or so workers who have been idled over-the-year in eating and drinking establishments. Moderate growth was also posted in Federal Government, Wholesale Trade, Transportation, Communications and Utilities, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate. Despite recording moderate increases since February 1987, the Construction

industry remained constant over-the-month, but fell below the 1986 July level by 300.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 49,700 in July 1987 for 6.0 percent of the labor force, compared to 47,500 in June 1987 for 5.8 percent of the labor force and 36,700 in July 1986 for 4.6 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Despite expectations of improvements in the Area's labor market, recent reports of additional layoffs in the Manufacturing sector may temporarily delay such improvements. The August 1987 unemployment rate may continue to hover around six percent. Employment totals in the Nonmanufacturing seasonal industries are expected to increase over-the-month and contribute to a slight drop in the unemployment rate. Employment in the Retail Trade, Services and Construction industries are expected to show large increases. Unemployment is expected to be 5.8 percent of the labor force in August 1987, compared to 4.3 percent in August 1986.

Significant improvement in the Area's labor market is expected in September 1987. The opening of Area schools and the return to work of many temporarily laid off automobile assembly workers should precipitate a substantial drop in the Area's unemployment rate. Employment in Construction, Transportatio, Communications and Utilities, Services and Government should all record increases over-the-month. Unemployment is expected to be 5.5 percent in September 1987, compared to 4.2 percent in September 1986.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1986)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** July, 1987

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	713,300	718,200	714,200	-4,900	-900
Total Manufacturing	109,500	110,500	115,800	-1,000	-6,300
Durable Goods	57,300	58,000	63,400	-700	-6,100
Lumber & Furniture	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	-100
Primary Metal Industries	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	-100
Fabricated Metal Products	8,900	9,000	9,100	-100	-200
Machinery Except Electrical	8,100	8,000	8,100	+100	0
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	17,300	17,400	19,400	-100	-2,100
Transportation Equipment	8,400	9,000	12,200	-600	-3,800
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(7,900)	(8,500)	(11,800)	(-600)	(-3,900)
Other Durable Goods	3,700	3,800	3,700	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	52,200	52,500	52,400	-300	-200
Food & Kindred Products	9,500	9,400	9,400	+100	+100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,200	2,300	2,300	-100	-100
Paper & Allied Products	5,800	5,900	5,600	-100	+200
Printing & Publishing	19,900	19,800	20,400	+100	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,100	9,500	8,900	-400	+200
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	600	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	603,800	607,700	598,400	-3,900	+4,500
Mining & Quarrying	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	36,100	36,100	36,400	0	-300
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	54,600	54,900	54,400	-300	+100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	182,400	182,400	180,900	0	+1,500
Wholesale Trade	(56,200)	(55,900)	(55,900)	(+300)	(+300)
Retail Trade	(126,200)	(126,500)	(125,000)	(-300)	(+1,200)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	57,700	57,600	57,500	+100	+200
Services	165,800	165,700	162,500	+100	+3,300
Government	106,600	110,400	106,100	-3,800	+500
Federal Government	(31,400)	(31,200)	(30,900)	(+200)	(+500)
State & Local Government	(75,200)	(79,200)	(75,200)	(-4,000)	(0)
In Labor-Management Disputes	0	50	100	-50	-100

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: July, 1987**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$428.76	$451.66	$443.59	39.7	40.8	40.4	$10.80	$10.07	$10.98
Durable Goods	440.66	474.16	458.57	39.1	40.7	39.6	11.27	11.65	11.58
Lumber & Furniture	337.79	358.59	294.75	40.6	43.1	37.5	8.32	8.32	7.86
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	519.30	525.35	441.98	38.1	35.0	38.4	13.63	15.01	11.51
Primary Metal Industries	492.03	423.98	439.20	40.9	36.3	36.0	12.03	11.68	12.20
Fabricated Metal Products	364.32	396.59	381.75	37.1	40.1	37.5	9.82	9.89	10.18
Machinery Exc. Electrical	445.58	446.55	386.20	45.7	44.7	38.2	9.75	9.99	10.11
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	468.87	457.74	445.91	39.5	39.7	40.5	11.87	11.53	11.01
Transportation Equipment	503.48	684.08	655.98	33.7	43.6	43.1	14.94	15.69	15.22
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(517.70)	(707.23)	(665.46)	(33.4)	(43.9)	(43.1)	(15.50)	(16.11)	(15.44)
Nondurable Goods	413.29	424.35	421.82	40.4	41.0	41.6	10.23	10.35	10.14
Food & Kindred Products	439.81	448.66	430.22	42.7	43.9	43.5	10.30	10.22	9.89
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	198.56	195.70	195.64	34.0	33.8	33.5	5.84	5.79	5.84
Paper & Allied Products	386.45	451.99	452.76	38.3	42.6	44.0	10.09	10.61	10.29
Printing & Publishing	421.89	421.79	435.49	39.1	39.2	40.7	10.79	10.76	10.70
Chemicals & Allied Products	559.13	557.66	529.70	44.2	42.7	43.1	12.65	13.06	12.29
Petroleum & Coal Products	417.75	437.63	445.98	37.1	37.5	36.2	11.26	11.67	12.32

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

July, 1987

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate from 7.1% in June to 7.2% in July. Unemployment rose 2100 and total employment increased 4,400. The unemployment increase was caused by a temporary model change-over layoff affecting 4100 auto workers. Automobile employment continued to fluctuate in July, falling to 16,600. The remainder of the manufacturing sector has begun to register small month-to-month increases. Industries that have finally started to add workers, after suffering declines throughout most of the 1980's, include primary metals, nonelectrical machinery and leather. Over the year, unemployment rose 2,900 and total employment increases 12,900. The unemployment rate in July, 1986 was 7.1%. Industries responsible for most of the employment increase over 1986 levels were services, finance, retail trade and transportatio. Significant job declines continued to be reported in transportation equipment manufacturing, construction and government. There were 200 labor disputants in July and June and 100 in July, 1986.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined 3200 over the month. Motor vehicles was the only manufacturing industry to report a significant one month loss. Small gains were registered in lumber, primary metals, nonelectrical machinery, food and leather. The electronic equipment increase was due to the settlement of a labor dispute and the aircraft rise was seasonal. Over the year, manufacturing declined 3,100. Early 1986 indefinite layoffs caused the decline in motor vehicles. Reorganization and early retirement programs were responsible for the loss in aircraft. Food continued to report good 12 month gains adding 700 workers. Primary metals and leather are also registering increases over year-ago levels, a trend not seen since 1984.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing declined 2,400 over the month. State and local government was down 6,200. This industry was affected by seasonal layoffs of non-teaching school personnel. Seasonal gains were reported by most other nonmanufacturing industries. Transportation, trade and services during July are affected by the increased travel and outdoor activity. Real estate and construction add workers as summer home buying increases. Over the year, nonmanufacturing rose 3,700. Services continued to report the largest gains, adding 10,600 workers. Retail trade gains continued to be smaller. The industry added 1500 workers over the year compared to last year's average 6,700 gain.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in August, 1987 is expected to be 7.1%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.
Mining	20	16	15	13
Construction	2935	2284	1948	1811
Manufacturing	7757	5893	5377	6479
Public Utilities	810	716	930	1193
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	3799	3642	3689	3670
Finance	554	601	647	594
Services	3786	3415	3594	3716
All Other	459	351	318	406
TOTAL	20120	16918	16518	17882

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1542	1463	1445	1386
Clerical	2405	2245	2311	2184
Sales	661	624	594	488
Farm, Fish & Forest	111	74	74	72
Processing	217	191	199	154
Machine Trades	1109	905	889	882
Bench Work	892	760	676	711
Structural Work	2190	1492	1299	1247
Misc. Work	1665	1343	1410	1440
Service	1770	1595	1646	1682
INA	7558	6226	5975	7696
TOTAL	20120	16918	16518	17882

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1988 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	7.0	1.7
Clerical	23.2	10.7
Sales	10.2	13.0
Processing	0.6	1.6
Machine Trades	3.5	4.2
Bench Work	5.1	7.5
Structural Work	7.9	12.0
Motor Freight & Trans.	3.1	2.6
Packaging & Material Handling	8.6	20.1
Domestic	0.7	0.3
Other Services	28.5	24.5
Other Occupations	1.6	1.8

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current:** July, 1987

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,101,200	1,106,800	1,100,600	-5,600	+600
Percent Change				-(0.5)	+(0.1)
Manufacturing	216,800	220,000	219,900	-3,200	-3,100
Durable Goods	134,500	137,700	137,100	-3,200	-2,600
Lumber & Furniture	4,300	4,200	4,600	+100	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	13,900	13,800	13,600	+100	+300
Fabricated Metal Products	16,500	16,600	16,600	-100	-100
Machinery, Except Electrical	17,500	17,400	17,900	+100	-400
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,400	13,900	14,500	+500	-100
Transportation Equipment	51,900	55,800	54,000	-3,900	-2,100
Motor Vehicles	16,600	20,800	17,300	-4,200	-700
Aircraft & Parts	29,900	29,700	30,800	+200	-900
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,600	12,600	12,500	0	+100
Nondurable Goods	82,300	82,300	82,800	0	-500
Food & Kindred Products	22,900	22,800	22,200	+100	+700
Meat Products	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Beverages	9,200	9,100	8,700	+100	+500
Textiles & Apparel	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,400	16,500	17,100	-100	-700
Chemical & Allied Products	18,700	18,700	18,900	0	-200
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	-200
Leather & Leather Products	4,700	4,600	4,500	+100	+200
Other Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,200	5,200	-100	-100
Nonmanufacturing	884,400	886,800	880,700	-2,400	+3,700
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,600	0	-100
Construction	56,900	56,000	61,000	+900	-4,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	75,100	75,000	74,800	+100	+300
Railroads	4,300	4,300	4,600	0	-300
Transportation, Except Railroads	41,000	40,900	40,100	+100	+900
Communications & Public Utilities	29,800	29,800	30,100	0	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	262,000	261,900	261,900	+100	+100
Wholesale Trade	61,200	61,300	62,600	-100	-1,400
Retail Trade	200,800	200,600	199,300	+200	+1,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	73,800	73,500	71,500	+300	+2,300
Service, Except Domestic	286,200	284,000	275,600	+2,200	+10,600
Total Government	126,900	132,900	132,300	-6,000	-5,400
Total Federal Government	38,000	37,800	37,300	+200	+700
Total State & Local Government	88,900	95,100	95,000	-6,200	-6,100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	200	200	100	0	+100

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: July, 1987**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$466.27	$477.58	$445.36	40.3	41.1	39.8	$11.57	$11.62	$11.19
Durable Goods	485.60	500.14	465.47	40.5	41.3	40.3	11.99	12.11	11.55
Lumber & Furniture	380.64	382.97	345.64	41.6	42.6	39.1	9.15	8.99	8.84
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	433.01	431.08	435.51	39.4	40.1	39.7	10.99	10.75	10.97
Primary Metal Industries	434.66	489.60	477.90	39.3	42.5	45.0	11.06	11.52	10.62
Fabricated Metal Products	460.93	481.24	418.84	41.6	42.4	39.7	11.08	11.35	10.55
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	448.04	474.60	442.96	40.4	42.0	39.2	11.09	11.30	11.30
Elect & Electronic Equip.	392.63	383.96	363.47	39.7	39.1	38.1	9.89	9.82	9.54
Transportation Equipment	626.50	610.00	576.39	41.6	41.3	41.2	15.06	14.77	13.99
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	305.05	318.24	300.12	37.8	39.0	35.9	8.07	8.16	8.36
Nondurable Goods	432.40	436.15	409.62	40.0	40.8	38.9	10.81	10.69	10.53
Food & Kindred Products	473.54	487.75	497.76	39.2	41.3	40.8	12.08	11.81	12.20
Textiles & Apparel	216.62	223.29	203.69	33.9	34.3	32.8	6.39	6.51	6.21
Paper & Paper Products	541.10	531.10	411.41	47.8	47.0	41.1	11.32	11.30	10.01
Printing & Publishing	396.04	395.76	371.40	38.6	38.8	36.7	10.26	10.20	10.12
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	550.84	540.18	483.48	42.9	42.5	39.5	12.84	12.71	12.24
Petroleum & Coal Products	591.71	574.06	587.53	40.5	39.4	41.0	14.61	14.57	14.33
Leather & Leather Products	237.23	280.74	256.46	38.7	45.5	41.1	6.13	6.17	6.24
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

July, 1987

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA unemployment rate, estimated at 4.7 percent of the labor force for July, shows no change from June. The number of unemployed persons was up 100 from June to reach 5,700 in July. Employment rose seasonally during the 30 day period to 114,900 in July.

During July 1986, there were 4,800 persons unemployed and the rate of unemployment stood at 4.2 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Nonfarm payrolled employment increased 700 from June to each 104,100 in July. This reflects job gains in manufacturing and nonmanufacturing of 100 and 600 respectively. Some of the nonmanufacturing industries recording changes in employment levels from June include: construction, up 100; trade up 200; services, up 100; and government, up 200.

Since July 1986, payrolled employment shows a jump of 1,900 jobs. This is the net result of continued growth in many nonmanufacturing industries and a reduction in manufacturing jobs.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose two cents from June to $8.91 in July. The average factory work week fell seven-tenths of an hour to 39.2 hours in July.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

A slight rise in payrolled employment is expected in August. A more substantial increase will occur in September when schools open for the fall term.

The rate of unemployment should remain near the July level in August followed by a fairly sharp drop in September.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1986)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current:** July, 1987

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	104,100	103,400	102,200	+700	+1,900
Manufacturing	19,600	19,500	20,600	+100	-1,000
Durable Goods	10,400	10,400	10,800	0	-400
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Other Durable Goods	9,300	9,300	9,700	0	-400
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,100	9,800	+100	-600
Food Processing	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,500	3,400	3,800	+100	-300
Nonmanufacturing	84,500	83,900	81,600	+600	+2,900
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,600	4,500	4,500	+100	+100
Transportation & Utilities	6,700	6,700	6,600	0	+100
Trade	28,900	28,700	27,900	+200	+2,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5,200	5,200	5,200	0	0
Services	26,400	26,300	25,700	+100	+700
Government	12,600	12,400	11,600	+200	+1,000
Federal	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State and Local	10,800	10,600	9,800	+200	+1,000
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: July, 1987**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$341.43	$346.73	$373.27	39.2	39.9	41.8	$8.71	$8.69	$8.93
Durable Goods	325.01	335.07	357.37	38.6	39.7	41.7	8.42	8.44	8.57
Nondurable Goods	365.31	363.01	393.44	40.1	40.2	41.9	9.11	9.03	9.39
Food & Kindred Products	382.24	390.46	468.46	39.9	40.8	43.7	9.58	9.57	10.72
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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